

## LOCAL NEWS.

**WEATHER PROBABILITIES.**—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., July 17, 1877.—10:30 a. m.—In the Middle and Eastern States high followed by slowly falling barometer, winds gradually shifting to easterly and southerly, and in latter part to southwesterly, generally lower temperature than on Tuesday, and clear or partly cloudy weather, and possibly succeeded in the southern and western portions of the former by light rains or showers.

**Y. M. C. A.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city, was held in their room, on King street, last night, Vice President, Job Cursol, in the chair.

The session was opened with the usual religious exercises.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary the General Secretary was appointed to record the minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the General Secretary was received, read and on motion adopted. The General Secretary also reported that in consequence of the failure to hold the December meeting no delegates were appointed to the National Convention of the State Association, but that he had forwarded to Mr. W. J. Munford, chairman of the Executive Committee at Richmond, a full synopsis of the situation, with regard to the work and status of the Association, desired in the circular letter of the State Executive Committee.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read, and on motion adopted.

The Committee on Rooms reported work done by T. L. Monroe, and the Treasurer was authorized to pay for the same.

The Committee on Printing was instructed to procure for the use of the General Secretary a requisite number of monthly dues, and monthly notice blanks.

The Joint Committee, through Mr. F. E. Corbett, reported the usual work at that point, and with a marked increase in devotion and attention on the part of the inmates. Report adopted.

The Alms House Committee, through Messrs. Lykes and Herbert, reported that the services were not only well sustained and largely attended by the residents of the neighborhood, but that the results were highly encouraging, and that a number of families, in goodly number, were coming out to the Lord's side; they also reported that on the Sunday service they had been holding a Monday night meeting for some months. Report adopted.

The following amendments to the Constitution were read, and, under the rules, ordered to lie over until the next regular meeting for final consideration:

1. In the article relating to the general annual election—strike out the word November and insert May—and add—the first annual election for officers shall be held on the 3d Tuesday in May 1877—and in each year following in that month and day.

2. In the article relating to the yearly anniversary meeting of the association—strike out the word January and insert May—and add—that the 24th anniversary meeting of this Association shall be held on the Wednesday following the 3d Tuesday in May 1877 and shall be held on that day in all years hereafter—and it is provided, that all preliminary arrangements for holding said anniversary meetings shall be made at the April meeting of the Association.

On motion, it was resolved that the President of this Association be respectfully requested to issue an address to the young male members of the Churches, and especially to those who have just put on Christ, urging them to join the Association as active members, and assuring them that they will be welcomed among us with open hearts, and find a field of usefulness opened up to them, in the work which will, if faithfully worked up to them, insure to their spiritual growth, and to a retro-active benefit upon their respective Churches.

After singing the D. Xology the Association adjourned.

**THAW.**—To-day has been a disagreeable one, the sky being overcast, and with an almost continual fall of rain, varied about one o'clock by sleet. The weather is having a manifest effect on the river ice, having worn it away considerably, and large blocks are beginning to appear. Various contradictory rumors, as to the giving away of the ice in the upper river, have been circulated around the wharves to-day, and much anxiety is felt by merchants and others having houses on the strand. It is feared that the melting of the snow and ice and the amount of rain which has fallen, will cause a heavy freight of broken ice would inflict much damage on shipping and warehouses along the banks. The Cumberland papers report all the streams in that neighborhood as very high, and still rising. A dispatch has been received here which states that the tugboat Kate left Quebec yesterday evening at half past four o'clock for this city. It was expected that she would lay on to the ice last night, and continue her trip today. At a late hour this evening she was not in sight.

**LATE.**—A telegram received here this evening, states that, after coming as far as Indian Head, the Kate's supply of coal commenced to give out and she put back to Quebec. The ice is reported to be heavy, in the same telegram.

**VESSELS IN PORT.**—The following is a list of the vessels which are now in this port by the late freight, and which are now awaiting the opening of navigation:

Steamship John Gibson, loaded with general merchandise, and bound for New York.

Steamer John W. Thompson, of the Cape river line.

Schooner Arvia, loaded with corn, and bound for New York.

Schooner Virginia Dare, light.

Schooner George R. Veeland, loaded with coal, bound from Georgetown to New Haven.

Schooner Emily, loaded with lumber, from James River for Washington.

Schooner Armstrong, light, from New Haven for Georgetown.

Schooner Royal Arch, loaded with coal, from this port for Boston.

Schooner Mary Standish, loaded with coal, from Georgetown for Boston.

Schooner Elmeline B. Rissall, loaded with coal, from Georgetown for New York.

Schooner E. R. Emmerson, light, bound to Georgetown, by the ship yard.

Besides these there are a large number of river craft and other small vessels not necessary to be reported in full.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.**—The Committee on Public Property, of the City Council, met at the Auditor's office last night. The communication of the Superintendent of Public Schools, in regard to procuring some seed, for the use of the children looking to the use of the old court house on Columbus street for school purposes, was considered by the committee and will probably be favorably reported on at the next meeting of Council. A resolution also passed to rent the fish wharf and the lots from which the buildings were burned last spring. It was determined that the latter should be rented by the year instead of leased for a term of years, as formerly. The advisability of selling or renting various unimproved lots belonging to the city was also discussed, but no action was taken.

**OLD STUDENTS' BANQUET.**—The banquet of the Society of Old Students of St. John's Academy, takes place to-morrow. Those who are to participate will meet at the academy promptly at eight o'clock.

## POLICE ITEMS.—Dave Lomax and Fred

Loudoun, both colored, were arrested and brought before the Mayor, this morning, for having obtained wood from the corporation, ostensibly for their suffering families, and afterwards selling the same to Moses Kitts, also colored, and inventing the proceeds to liquor. The Mayor sentenced each of them to receive ten lashes on his bare back.

Several small negro boys arrested for disorderly conduct, near the corner of Wolfe and Columbus streets, were reprimanded and discharged.

**M. E. CHURCH.**—Yesterday there was a large attendance at the afternoon service. Rev. W. C. W. b. gave an address founded on 1 John 1: 5-7. At night the lower part of the church was crowded. Rev. A. J. Parker (presiding elder) preached from Proverbs V, 11-13: "And thou shalt be consumed, &c." Three went forward for prayer and one professed conversion. The meeting will be continued to-morrow.

**ANTICIPATED RISE IN THE POTOMAC.**—The following dispatch was received at the office of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, in this city, this afternoon:

HARRIS, FERRY, W. VA., Jan. 17—1:40 p. m.—Flood in the Shenandoah river for three miles up has broken and is running down rapidly. Both rivers are rising, and the Potomac is blocked.

**SIGNAL BOAT.**—Notice is given that an automatic signal buoy, giving blasts of a whistle at short intervals, has been placed for trial off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, about 2½ miles from the outer edge of the shoal, in 12 fathoms of water. Cape Hatteras light, bearing N. W. by W. (magnetic) distant about 11½ miles. Mariners are requested to report to the Light-house Board as to the working of this buoy.

**ALEXANDRIA BUILDING ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Alexandria Co-operative Building Association was held at Harmonie Hall, last night. After the transaction of the regular routine business, the President made a full statement of the affairs of the Association, showing a loss by the late defalcation of about \$2,200 or \$5,51 on each share of \$500.

**WOOD ISSUED.**—The record kept by Lieutenant Smith, at the station house, shows that there have been 803 orders for wood issued, each order being for one fourth of a cord. The number of measured cords issued was 191, the discrepancy being caused by the difference between the cord measure and the regular measure.

**BRIDGE CARRIED AWAY.**—Information was received here this evening that the centre span of the bridge on the Manassas road over the south branch of the Shenandoah, near Front Royal, had been carried away by the ice and high waters. The ice is reported gorged in the north branch.

**ILL.**—The many friends of Henry L. Simpson, esq., will regret to learn that he lies very ill, at his residence on Royal street between Cameron and Quebec, and that no hopes are entertained for his recovery.

**Local Brevities.**

Taylor S. Cook left his home in Culpeper county some weeks since to visit friends in this city, and when next heard from was in Columbus, Ohio, where he had lost his mind, and committed suicide.

Mr. B. F. Price has sold two two-story brick houses on the south side of King street, between Columbus and Washington, to Mr. M. J. Rafferty for \$3,200.

A traveling showman came a magic lantern exhibition to the chambers of the white public schools at Peabody Hall, this evening.

The Corcoran Gallery, in Washington, will be open on Thursday evenings hereafter.

About four hundred persons were supplied with soup and meat at the soup house to-day.

**COMMERCIAL.**

**Prices of Produce in Alexandria.**

FLOUR, fine.....	\$4 50	to 4 75
Superfine.....	5 00	to 5 25
Extra.....	6 25	to 6 50
Family.....	7 25	to 7 50
Wheat.....	8 00	to 8 25
Good to prime.....	1 25	to 1 50
Choice.....	1 50	to 1 60
CORN, white.....	5 50	to 5 75
Mixed.....	5 25	to 5 50
Yellow.....	5 00	to 5 25
RYE.....	6 00	to 6 25
OATS.....	0 25	to 0 40
TURKEYS.....	0 11	to 0 13
BUTTER, prime.....	0 23	to 0 25
Common to middling.....	0 10	to 0 15
EGGS.....	0 30	to 0 35
IRISH POTATOES.....	1 25	to 1 50
ONIONS.....	0 75	to 1 00
DRIED APPLES.....	0 12	to 0 15
GREEN APPLES.....	0 40	to 0 50
VEAL CALVES.....	7 00	to 8 00
DRESSED HOGS.....	0 12	to 0 13
BACON.....	0 15	to 0 16
Best sugar cured Hams.....	0 14	to 0 15
Butcher's Hams.....	0 14	to 0 15
Western.....	0 14	to 0 15
Sides.....	0 11	to 0 12
Shoulders.....	0 8	to 0 9
LARD.....	0 13	to 0 14
CLOVER SEED.....	2 25	to 2 50
PLASTER, ground, per ton.....	5 00	to 0 00
Ground, in bags or bbls.....	7 00	to 0 00
Lump.....	3 25	to 3 50
SALT, G. A. (Liverpool).....	1 10	to 1 20
Turk's Island.....	0 80	to 0 40
Wool, long unwashed.....	0 26	to 0 28
Washed.....	0 34	to 0 36
Memo, unwashed.....	0 22	to 0 23
Do, washed.....	0 30	to 0 32
SUMAC.....	0 25	to 1 50
HAY.....	13 00	to 15 00

Flour is firm and active, with light receipts and a fair demand. What is active at an advance, and receipts have increased; sales were made to-day of 1080 bushels at 150a160 for common to strictly choice lots. Corn has weakened, and prices show a decline of 2c. Corn was yesterday, sales of 18.0 bushels at 50, 54 and 55, as to quality. Rye and Oats active, with sales of the former at 68, 70 and 71, and of the latter at 40 Country produce quiet at quotations.

[By Telegraph.]

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BALTIMORE, Jan. 17.—Virginia 60, deferred, 73; Virginia, consolidated, 60a. do. 24 series 37½. Cotton dull and easier; middling 12½-12½. Flour quiet and buoyant; H. W. and street and Western Family 7a7½. Wheat quiet and easier. Rye 40a. Oats 30a. Corn 50a. Sugar 14½-14½. Hay steady; Maryland prime 14½-14½. Hay steady; Maryland prime 14½-14½. Hay steady; Maryland prime 14½-14½.

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Mr. Morton replied to a portion of the speech of Mr. Withers yesterday relative to the right of the President of the United States to send troops into the States.

Mr. Johnson suggested that as Mr. Withers was temporarily absent, Mr. M. should defer his amendments until his return.

Mr. Morton said that Mr. Withers would have an opportunity to read his remarks, and as that gentleman commented on his (Mr. M.'s) speech in his absence, he would prefer to go on now with his remarks on the subject. He said that Gov. Keuper being the Executive of a State could not, of course, say in its proclamation what he did not believe was true, but he must have been very much excited, and he defended, at length, the orders of the President on the subject.

Mr. Johnson said that, if any outrage had been committed in Petersburg, he would be swift to denounce it as Mr. Morton. The alleged outrages, of which Mr. Morton had spoken, never existed. The testimony was false. No one ever heard of them until after his colleague had introduced his resolution a few weeks ago, and yet it was said that these outrages took place in May, 1876. Even the Senator (Mr. Morton), who was the recipient of all these outrages stories, had never heard of them when he made his first speech at the introduction of these resolutions. The only object of the Senators from Virginia was to protect the fair fame of the State from misrepresentation.

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

A memorial from workmen of the District of Columbia, praying for the right of suffrage, was presented and referred.

A resolution permitting E. W. Baros to go to New Orleans to procure certain telegraphic dispatches called for by the Louisiana investigating committee, within ten days, was passed.

A number of bills of no special interest, and generally of a private character, were introduced and referred.

A bill removing the political disabilities of J. W. Burnett, of South Carolina, was passed. Mr. Harris, of Va., introduced a resolution inquiring what number of electoral votes is necessary for the choice of a President, which was referred.

The regular order, being the resolution for the arrest of Wells & Co., of Louisiana, to be brought before the bar of the House for refusing to produce the original returns of the election in that State—not acted upon yesterday, as was determined—was taken up, and the time for debate continued one hour longer.

Mr. O'Brien, of Md., spoke in favor of the resolution, and was followed by Mr. Hear, of Mass., in opposition upon constitutional grounds.

Mr. Herford, of W. Va., next addressed the House in favor of the arrest of the party. Mr. Banks, of Mass., followed Mr. Herford, opposing the arrest, but was soon discovered by Mr. Sutherland, of Ohio, who cited the former Louisiana case before the Senate as a full refutation to Mr. B.'s argument that the House had no right to call for the original returns.

Mr. Sutherland's citation caused much applause and laughter on the democratic side, and a good deal of irritation on the radical side, and a motion was made by a radical to clear the galleries, in order that they might not be witnesses of the disorder on the floor, but the motion was not put.

Mr. Hurd, of Ohio, made a strong logical argument in favor of the right of the House to compel the production of the returns. He said, in conclusion, that the fraud perpetrated in 1845 in Louisiana, and acquiesced in by the whig party at that time was not a precedent to be followed by the democrats of 1877, which announcement was received by loud applause.

Mr. Kelley, of Pa., followed Mr. Hurd in opposition to the resolution.

Mr. Harris, of Va., favored the arrest, and made a strong speech, and twitted, with effect, the radicals for their sudden espousal of State rights doctrine.

Mr. Kasson, of Iowa, was the next speaker, who concluded his remarks begun yesterday in opposition to the resolution.

Mr. Reagan, of Texas, next spoke in favor of the resolution.

Mr. Cox closed the debate in an able speech when the vote was taken and the resolution adopted. Ayes 158—noes 81.

It is now thought that the Joint Committee will agree upon a report on the manner of counting the electoral vote and the democratic outlook is more hopeful.

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for decision as to which is the proper return to be counted. This decision, however, is not to be final, as has been shown in some quarters, but is to be left to revision by Congress. The two houses are to briefly debate it and then vote upon it. If both do not agree to reject it then it is to remain and return submitted for a second vote. The two houses are to be elected directly by the two houses of Congress through the President of the Senate, and the decision submitted by the former is to be passed upon separately by each house, and announced to the joint convention. If both Senate and House decide to reverse it, then the return involved in it is not to be counted. This plan, as it now stands, does not meet with the approval of Morton of the Senate committee, nor of one or two members of the House committee.

**LOUISIANA.**

NEW ORLEANS, January 17.—The Republican, this morning, referring to Gen. August's latest instructions from the War Department, says: What is the present status, according to the understanding of the Administration? It is explained in the President's dispatch, of which the Supreme Court legally constituted to make room for five lawyers who have been called together by private citizens of the State to act in a judicial capacity; a Governor declared duly elected in the manner prescribed by the laws of the State, and by the leaders of a armed men, and all public places filled in the same manner that character of the alleged appointments to the Supreme Court, in the meantime the process of law is paralyzed; no business is transacted in the Courts, and but little is done in the markets; the people are excited, others are in financial straits; scarcely any produce, comparatively, is coming to market, and stocks of goods in store find no buyers.

**Y. M. C. A. OF VIRGINIA.**—The third annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Virginia closed its session in the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Sunday evening, T. D. Ransom, of Staunton, presided. The International Executive Committee were represented by Mr. Geo. A. Hall and Mr. Thomas K. Cree, of New York, and Geo. D. Johnson, of Alabama. Interest in the addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Reid and Rev. Dr. Jones, of Richmond, and others. Mr. Cree spoke upon association work and the importance of an efficient State organization. Mr. Hall gave two Bible readings, and presented the work of the International Committee. Geo. Johnson spoke of the importance of the work among the colored young men. Resolutions were adopted commending the work of the International Committee, and the work among colored young men. Resolutions were also adopted expressing sorrow for the death of Mr. Bliss, the sweet singer, and of condolence with the relatives and friends of the family.

Look out for cold weather and don't catch cold, but if you do, nothing will meet the requirements of your situation as well as Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Janney & Co. always have on hand plenty of Wells Eureka for the teeth; also are sole proprietors of the Old Dominion Tonic Bitters and the Orange Blossom Cologne.

It does not make any difference how severe the case of bilious derangement is, Simmons' Liver Regulator will cure it speedily and effectually without salivation, or that prostration of the system ensuing from the use of drastic purgatives.

As there are many spurious imitations of this valuable medicine, take care you get the genuine.

"We have been selling your medicine for some time, and we find it better adapted to the cure of bilious attacks than any other medicine we have ever used or sold."

"JAS. M. BRADLEY & Co.,  
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**SPECIAL NOTICES.**

**GREAT UPROAR ABOUT CLOTHING.**—The largest stock of Overcoats and Suits bought at bankrupt sale to close out. Good Overcoats from \$2.50 upwards, including the very best of imported Chinchillas, Beavers, Korseys, &c.

Gents' Cassimere Suits, consisting of Coat, Pants and Vest, at \$4.50; all wool Suits at \$6.50 and upwards, including the finest imported materials; excellent Children's Suits, 3 years, \$1.25; 4 years \$1.75; 5 years \$2.25; 6 years \$2.75 and upwards. They must be sold quick at

S. DEALER'S,  
80 King street.

**TO THE LADIES.**—We have just received a fine assortment of Gentlemen's, Boys' and Young's Fine Toilet Suits, at prices to suit the times. [dec 6] WADDEY, 74 King st.

**AMUSEMENTS.**

A Hop will be given for the Benefit of the Alexandria Library

AT SAREPTA HALL,  
ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th, 1877.

**COMMITTEE:**

M. Slaughter, General M. D. Corse, Col. M. Marye, George L. Hurd, R. J. Baingfield, J. T. Beckman, Frank Marbury, J. H. Parrott, Jr., F. P. Prestman, D. M. Lean, R. S. Minor, A. M. Howison, Julian T. Burke, Capt. B. H. Hoce, R. W. Falls, Floor Manager.

E. Nowden, S. F. Gregory, L. E. Usher, S.